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1. Two of the five grab excavators ordered from the FIA from Waagner-Biro, Vienna XXIX, by the Chinese trade delegation in Berlin are in the process of construction. These excavators, when completed, will be the largest so far produced at the Waagner-Biro A Werk.
2. It had been planned to deliver all five excavators by the end of 1954. However, difficulties encountered in the manufacture of the base plates for the excavator housings have made it necessary to postpone delivery indefinitely. Because of their size, the base plates are susceptible to surface warping after they are cast. Plant technicians have not yet succeeded in casting a plate which meets inspection standards.
3. The A Werk is also working on 10 traveling cranes of five-ton capacity. Nine of these are scheduled to be shipped to the USSR; the other is for an unidentified USIA firm.
4. By 1 November 1954, work will be completed on a corrugated steel shed with base dimensions of approximately 60 by 100 meters which will be three stories high. It is to house the printing plant at the new Communist publishing house (Volksstimme Haus) in Vienna XX.

Comment: The order for the grab excavators was [ ] reported [ ]  
The trade delegation referred to is presumably the China National Import and  
Export Company (CNIEC) which has an office in Berlin.

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